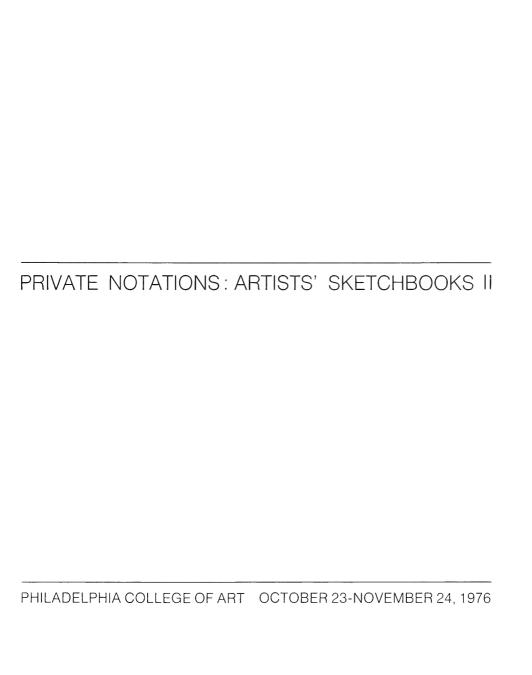
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Unique as fingerprints and trusted as confidants, an artist's private notations—sketchbooks, notebooks, travel diaries and journals—are his messages to himself, rather than to the public or the marketplace. Pages may be as carefully composed as in an artist's book, or as randomly inscribed as the Lescaux cave drawings. Such notations are not produced as "art". Artists use them as a testing "ground" to audition ideas, as a setting for fantasies, to record travel experiences, as a repository for intimate thoughts, or as *cache* for erotica. Each book parcels a quota of the past, re-experienced simply by glancing at its contents. The public who will see these personal jottings, now exhibited for the first time, will be offered an intimate view of the genesis and incubation of artists' ideas.

Sketchbooks and notebooks by artists have been deemed valuable only for the last two-hundred years. Only recently have they become the subject of serious study. The oldest sketchbooks in existance, exempla, were pattern books which prescribed the religious images to be copied in the workshops of the Middle Ages. Villard de Honnecourt's bound drawings of the Trecento contain the earliest extant notations of an individual nature. An architect, he recorded his responses to buildings seen while traveling. With the rebirth of humanism one finds more individual responses to the world. The pensieri of Leonardo da Vinci have preserved his genius more than the body of his work, most of which was unfinished. The veduta recorded in notebooks of 18th century travelers are permanent re-

minders of the fleeting images seen on a Grand Tour. It was not until the 19th century, when artists felt most alienated from society, that notebooks became the individual's guide to his own identity, and the place to register his innermost feelings. In the 20th century Duchamp's *Green Box*, and the notebooks and writings of Klee, Mondrian, and Malevich have become standard sources for the student and scholar.

For this exhibition books were collected from painters, sculptors, dancers, performance and video artists, representing a range of diverse sensibilities. The earliest notebooks were completed just after World War II—Louise Nevelson, David Smith—while some of the recent notebooks have been aborted from the artist's hands while still incomplete.

For some artists their sketchbooks are portable easels or studios in which they work constantly; while for others, keeping a notebook is a discrete activity which may include working drawings for a specific project or commemorate an isolated experience. A turn of the page may juxtapose mundane jottings—recipes, shopping lists, addresses—with serious visual or verbal observations. These informal "autobiographies" often contain found objects: photographs, postcards, memorabilia—souvenirs of a specific time or location. In this respect there is a relation to any text in which an author "frames" time and invites the reader into a temporary retreat from the present. Most sketchbooks are not paginated, though many are dated. There is no beginning, middle or end, but rather an aleatory storage arrangement of segments of time.

A few books record the development of a specific idea or project: Carl Andre's *Elements Series* of 1969, Stephen Antonakas' curved neons of 1975, John Cage's *Apartment House*, 1776, 1976, Sol LeWitt's *Incomplete Cubes*, 1973 or Lucas Samaras' first drawings for the Chicken Wire Boxes, 1972-73. Merce Cunningham, Naum June Paik and Yvonne Rainer's books are working scripts, diagramming movements in time and space; others recall "veduta" with their rapidly rendered impressions of nature. Those with autobiographical or diaristic content, in which the artist overhears his own voice, often render profound observations with the simplest of words: Laurie Anderson, Pat Lasch, Pat Steir or Richard Tuttle. Many are travel journals preserving visual and verbal responses to other places: Red Grooms' and Mimi Gross Grooms' trip to Italy and Yugoslavia, Joyce Kozloff's to Mexico, Richard Serra's to Peru, Dorothea Rockburne's impressions of Italy. Some reveal unexpected aspects of an

artist's oeuvre: Dan Flavin's sketches of beach scenes, Tom Wesselman's echo of Thoreau's *Walden*, or Richard Pousette-Dart's poetry notations.

Recent drawing exhibitions have edited the stages of the creative process and displayed those steps most acceptable to the connoisseur's eye. This exhibition searches not for such isolated moments, but for the entire context of an artist's ideas. I owe a special debt of gratitude to the artists for allowing us to glance into the private mirror of their thoughts, and to witness their trials, errors and successes.

Janet Kardon

NOTATIONS

These selections from the artists' notebooks are unedited, as are the books themselves.

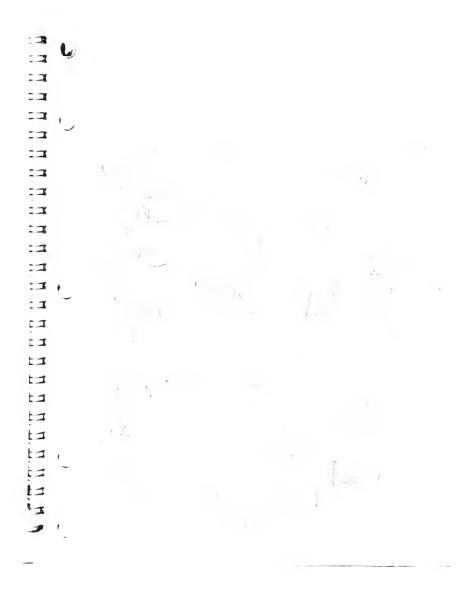
A fragment of information from a greater system of slip space totally progressive and logical turned in on and completing its (fragment) self cutting the extended life to existing within plausibility

One specific fragment measured image as it slides coldly quietly out of view into the hidden inexcessible world—the fleeting trace of information passing by

Will Insley, from Special Order Fragments, 1965-1974, (1973)

When the pain comes, go into it—don't run anymore joy in sadness joy in joy joy in love joy in loving joy in comfort comfort in comfort sadness in sadness

Pat Lasch, 1976



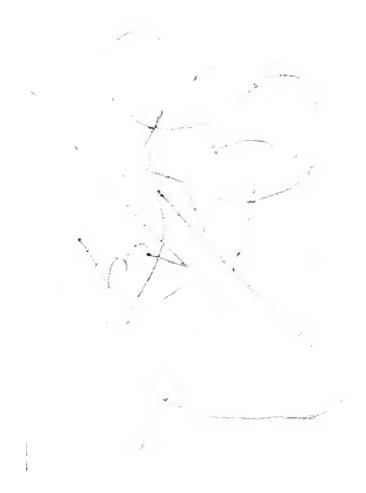
rocks are a timeless nest in them we can see forever working with boundaries to eliminate boundaries only by leaving the path can we find the way the choices are so simple no one sees them working with repetition to eliminate repetition surrender all to the current obey the nature of things the land I carry with me forever large things are as small as small things in the silent desert every stone is a border removing a stone from its site is enlarging the boundary of its mystery small things are as large as large things illuminate every space equally. shells contain the waves in continuous formation continuity is so quiet no one listens surrender all to silence when we return to the root we gain the meaning.

Michele Stuart, 1970-1976

Time is Linear.

Space is dimensional.

- 1—Therefore we can move forward in time as on points in a line.
- 2—We cannot move forward or backward in space—because of the dimensionality of space—we can only move around in space.
- 3—It seems to me that space surrounds time.
- 4—Time moves through space.
- 5—We can move through space along time.



YVONNE RAINER Crayon, pen, pencil 93/4 x 71/2

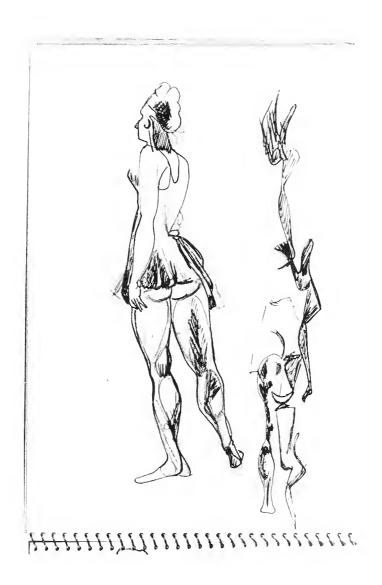
- 6—We can move around in space—space is only theoretically back or front.
- 7—In reality there is no back or front.
- 8—In reality all space is the same space.
- 9—Time makes foreground and background—front or back.
  The line of time makes that perception.
- 10—All space is = to all other space.

Pat Steir, October, 1972— January 2, 1972

the sadess of things

things make us
things are sad because things cannot die
we are gay because we can die
things combine to make us
we combine to make us die
we suffer in order to die
we die in order to become things
we become things in order to be sad
we are gay because we suffer
things are sad because things cannot suffer
suffering is one condition remembering another
gaiety is one condition
things combine to make us
we combine to die

© Carl Andre, 1963-1965



DAVID SMITH c. 1945 Pen, pencil 6 x 9

The point of making a picture when one is an artist is to explain in more detail than words can supply . . .

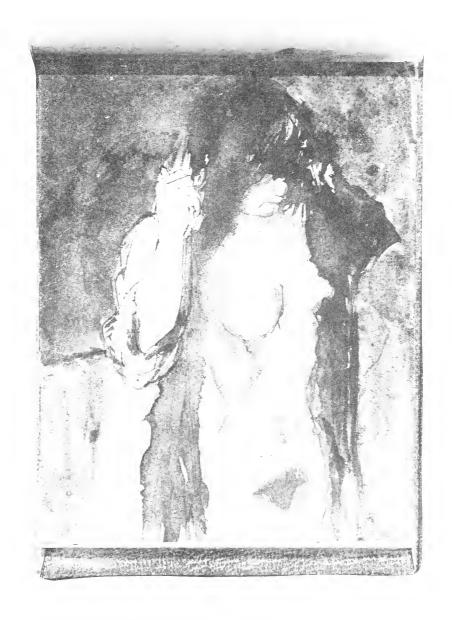
A picture of visual space is a closer inspection of the word space.

Pat Steir, January 2, 1972

There is no sense of time without change, the sun moves, our heart beats. For a true sense of time we need change and no change, movement and stasis or the emotion of these, the feeling of life and death in our minds. Either we move and matter is still or we are still and matter moves.

At a corresponding point equidistant from the end of the sky on the other side of the horizon line . . . the plane of symmetry . . we find ourselves . . the same you only on the other side the desert has symmetry . . you have symmetry . . every rock is reflected on the other side, every grain of sand every jade cadus skin, every horned toad is repeated on the other side . . maybe horizon line all the way to infinity . . a one plane of symmetry . . the road the line . . the middle has no width. simply length but being a boundary it has an invisible perpendicular line . . . without width. the road's plane of symmetry. the desert on one side the same desert on the other side. . . .

Stones hold a living mystery. They seem to contain the life force. The human being is as different as possible from a stone yet the innermost center of man is in a strange way very much like it . . . existence removed from all else. The stone symbolizes the experience of something eternal that man can appreciate as immortal and unchanging. Christ was called the "spiritual rock from which the water of life springs".



GEORGE SEGAL 1975 Ink, wash 5 x 3

I want to look at nature more than art, to paint by the eye more than by tradition, to paint what I see and not what other artists have taught me to see.

I would agree with Manet that "the most important person in any picture is the light". To me the object remains paramount.

Don Nice, Animal Studies, 1973

The objective world could for me be divided up between those objects I wish to paint and those I don't.

I wonder if the clouds have ever spelled a word in Arabic.

Don Nice, Firenze, 1972

Marks of the hand how beautiful they are do not erase them build on them creatively, avoid all machines put them aside for everything but the human hand tends to cover over in an empty gloss and hide us from ourselves the loving caring touch of the human hand

I believe in working from nature but transcending to the realization of aesthetic abstract beauty...

Parallel to nature with reference and bridge and hovering suggestion—but always an intrinsic structure within its own logic and being.

Richard Pousette-Dart, 1972



For almost two years sunset has been agonizing, as if the sun was pulling me with it. I reasoned that I wanted to follow the sun, but that idea was unsatisfactory. Riding down the Autobahn and watching the sunset, I felt very relaxed watching it . . . and thought that (we—earth) were simply turning our backs to it—sort of ungratefully refusing its energies. And so I understood that my efforts to "hold my place" at sunset was really a desire to stop this movement—stop the ingratitude—to save the day—how strange that we sleep at night—like heliotropes.

Richard Tuttle, 1970-1971

The end of June is almost here. July's foliage and August's boredom. Hot slumber blues, greens, and yellow shiver against the walls.

June 26, 1971

I like the way the burnt trees look piled on top of each other, like presents waiting to be opened. Wrapped in plastic they are preserved for who?

June 30, 1971

Sunday How It might look Realism not as it is, but how it might be. Realism not how it looks but how it might look.

> December 26, 1971 Ira Joel Haber, Excerpts From Notebooks, 1971-1972



FAIRFIELD PORTER Felt tip pen 14 x 11

Black. Remove color with color remover and you get a golden brown. How weird. Add some other color. Possibility?

February 4, 1972

Is it getting easy to talk about my art Is the weather warm enough for spring? Is the gold coast ready for invasion?

April 27, 1972

Young man: I have this strange compulsion to make things. Why?
I don't know. My mother thinks I got it from her. She
always liked to putter around the kitchen. You know
make pies and things like that. My father had his
garden.

October 14, 1972

I drink coffee in my studio like my father did in his.

November 3, 1972

I want my sculpture to be handled as if they were bombs set to go off.

November 27, 1972 Ira Joel Haber, *Excerpts From Notebooks*, 1971-1972



AD REINHARDT c. 1950 Ink on onionskin  $11 \times 8 \frac{1}{2}$ 

I remember reading somewhere that it's much easier to believe in something that doesn't exist than to believe that one's own being doesn't exist. Yet the second case seems consistant with the easiest way.

Richard Tuttle, Germany, Italy, Turkey, 1970-1971

One stands somewhat aghast at the temerity of the contemporary artist who feels the need for a system to create art. Staking their all on system and expecting the systems to define their art.

Art does not define.
Art made by system makes artists artisans.

Brice Marden, 1973-1975

Construct the work so that it is both below you and above you simultaneously from several vantage points, so that one may walk down and look up and walk up and look down various side entrances on various levels.

Richard Serra, 1974

In order to think about objects the first manner of classification must, perhaps, be the physical material used, whether they be extremely physical or extremely simple. Metal objects or typewritten paper might present two extremes. While these physical objects are external to me, finally my recognition of objects must be the way in which I subjectively experience them.

Dorothea Rockburne, April 22, 1972 DUAL-RULÉ

1 10 11 12

Am I avoiding one color pictures? Why?

Time becomes the bother. Is the one color challenging enough for the time? Perhaps try one color starts. Start each one involving as many colors as comes up. Begin fast. Keep the experience in the fingertips. Keep the sea in mind. Its immensity and danger and beauty.

Brice Marden, 1972

Make the greys like Thoreau's intermediaries between the earth and the heavens.

The grid is a measuring device. Can it measure spirit? Can it indicate it? Endure it?

But back to the grid. If you are gridding and take a grid to make a space and then, decide to add another vertical and horizontal to make another space—are you

Grids again?

Yes.

They measure not just shapes or the plane—an attempt to grid time space.

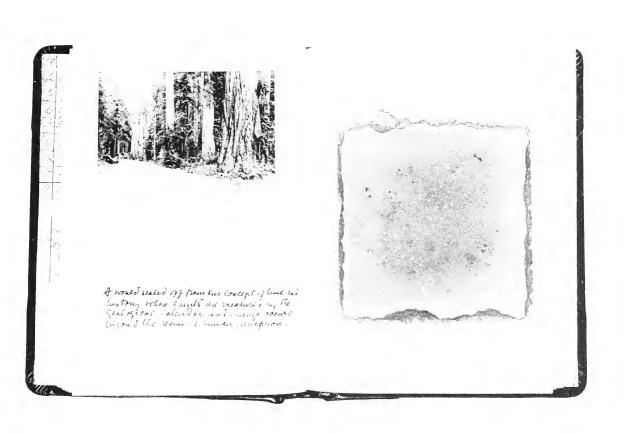
Grids are groups, but they must not be boring.

Look too close and you might see something. Listen closely and you may hear the forces.

Brice Marden, 1974

To try to attempt to categorize and classify the object as experience seems unfamiliar, but that is unimportant; what is of interest is not the theorem, but the circumstances.

Dorothea Rockburne, June 15, 1972



MICHELLE STUART 1970-1976 hand made paper, photographs, pen, rocks  $11\frac{1}{2} \times 9$ 

Black and brown nets tangent
Feather on wood
nets and bone weights
black horizontal stripes on red leather; black
feathers
feathers, torn colored cloth fragments
grey string over brown straw
The logic of art is non verbal.
We cannot imagine a counterpart that shall
resemble an imagined structure in all
respects except in being something

Nancy Graves, 1971

## **FIRE**

not imagined.

To Burn

To Mark

Paper

Wood

Cloth

Small

Large

To Change

To Remake

To Add

Something

never done

before

Stephen Antonakas, 1975

## Swift Pricks

An epigram is a well-furnished lie.

The war between men and women is the soft underbelly of the war between self and other people.

We have the things we want.

We suffer not in the quality of our attainments but in the quality of our desires.

All ideas are equal except in execution.

© Carl Andre, 1963-1965

Two is better than one.

Naum June Paik, 1973

Don't let the sands of time get in your lunch.

Don Nice, Animal Studies, 1973

The idea is expansion not knowledge.

Brice Marden, 1972-1973

After you see a place you don't understand a post-card.

Richard Serra, 1974

January 1975

Got a nice new big loft.

Working a lot.

Tons of terrific friends.

And a new "good sex" lover.

Health: fine,

As far as I know

And I never have to take subways!

(Counting my blessings.)

And so all is well.

All is well,

But nothing is wonderful.

(Damn it!)

This January of 1975.

Joe Brainard, 1975

CATALOG

All dimensions are in inches. Height precedes width. All of the books are lent by the artists, unless otherwise noted.

VITO ACCONCI Summer, 1974 Ruled spiral notebook Pen, pencil 11½ x 9

LAURIE ANDERSON 1975 Sketchbook Felt tip pen 11½ x 8½

CARL ANDRE
Elements Series 1960
Spiral bound quad notebook
Pencil
10½ x 8

CARL ANDRE 1963-1965 Ruled record book Pen, pencil 12 x 71/2

STEPHEN ANTONAKOS
Studies for Incomplete Circles
and Squares
Sketchbook
Felt pen, pencil
11½ x 9¾

ARMAN
Studies for *Renault Accumulations* 1967-1969
Loose sheets of paper in folder
Felt pen, pencil
113/4 x 91/2

JOE BRAINARD 1974 Spiral bound sketchbook Clippings, felt pen, gouache, pencil 11 x 9 JOHN CAGE Empty Words c. 1974-1975 Stenographer's note book Pen 9 x 6

JOHN CAGE Renga 1975-1976 Stenographer's note book Pen 9 x 6

JOHN CAGE

Apartment House, 1776 1976

Stenographer's note book

Pen
9 x 6

MERCE CUNNINGHAM Notations for *Rune* 1959 Spiral bound notebook Pencil 8 x 10

DAN FLAVIN
Mecox Beach, Bridgehampton,
Long Island 1976
Spiral bound notebook
India ink, pencil
4 x 5 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>

MARY FRANK 1969-1970 Sketchbook Pen, pencil, watercolor 9¼ x 6¼

NANCY GRAVES
July, 1970 Aachen
Ledger book and loose pages
Gouache, india ink
11½ x 8¼

MIMI GROSS GROOMS Italy and Yugoslavia 1968 Spiral bound sketchbook Pen, watercolor 7 x 10

RED GROOMS Italy and Yugoslavia 1968 Sketchbook Felt pen 8 x 6<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>

IRA JOEL HABER
August 4, 1975-August, 1976
Ruled composition book
Acrylic, collage, crayon, pen,
pencil
93/4 x 71/2

NANCY HOLT

Buried Poem Number Two

Text on ten pages of paper
sheets in edged plastic
sheets in metal rings

8½ x 11

ROBERT INDIANA
Coenties Slip 1956-1959
Sketchbook with seven drawings by Ellsworth Kelly
Pen, pencil
8½ x 5½

WILL INSLEY
Studies for Special Order
Fragments 1965-1974
Loose sheets of paper in
manilla folder
Pen, pencil
12 x 9½

WILL INSLEY
Studies for Greensboro Early
Buildings 1966
Loose Sheets of paper in
manilla folder
Pencil
12 x 9½

WILL INSLEY
Studies for Arcs 1967
Loose sheets of paper in manilla folder
Pencil
12 x 9½

LILA KATZEN 1974 Sketchbook Pen, pencil 11 x 8½

ELLSWORTH KELLY Sketchbook Number 23, 1954-1955 Printer's Dummy Ink 10½ x 7½

JOSEPH KOSUTH 1968 Quad Notebook Collage, pen, pencil 8½ x 6<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>

JOYCE KOZLOFF Mexico, Summer 1973 Sketchbook Crayon, pencil 11 x 8½ PAT LASCH June, 1971-May, 1976 Sketchbook Pen, pencil, inserted drawings 9 x 7

SOL LeWITT Studies for *Incomplete Cubes*, 1973 Sketchbook Ink 5½ x 4

SOL LeWITT 1973 Sketchbook Ink 81/4 x 6

ROY LICHTENSTEIN 1975-1976 Sketchbook Colored pencil, ink, pencil 13<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> x 11

SYLVIA MANGOLD 1975 Spiral bound sketchbook Pen, pencil, watercolor 14 x 11

BRICE MARDEN Greece, Summer 1974 Sketchbook Ink 12 x 81/2

BRICE MARDEN 1972-1973 Notebook Collage, pen 5½ x 3½ ED McGOWIN 1975 Spiral bound sketchbook Charcoal, crayon, pen, pencil 12 x 9½

REE MORTON
May, 1974—June, 1976
Sketchbook
Crayon, pen, pencil, watercolor, and inserts of notes, drawings, xerox images and magazine photographs
14 x 10<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>

NAUM JUNE PAIK 1973 Spiral bound ruled notebook Pen, pencil 11 x 81/2

LOUISE NEVELSON
c. 1948
Ink on onionskin
11 x 8
Lent by Archives of American
Art, Smithsonian Institute

DON NICE
Paris—Spain
Sketchbook
Collage, colored pencil, ink,
water color
113/4 x 83/4

RICHARD NONAS Excavation of Wooster Street V, Summer 1973 Sketchbook Collage, ink, pencil 11 x 81/2 BETTY PARSONS July, 1972 Sketchbook Leaves, pen, watercolor 8½ x 5½

A. R. Penck Sketchbook Felt pen, watercolor 11 x 8½ Lent by Kasper Koenig

FAIRFIELD PORTER
Spiral bound sketchbook
Conte, felt tip pen, pencil
14 x 11
Lent by Mrs. Fairfield Porter

RICHARD POUSETTE-DART 1972 Sketchbook Acrylic, oil, pen, pencil 11 x 81/2

LUCIO POZZI
The Blue Book 1973
Notebook
Cut paper, glue, pen, pencil,
staples
8½ x 7

YVONNE RAINER
Unruled composition book
Crayon, pen, pencil
93/4 x 31/4
Lent by Kasper Koenia

AD REINHARDT
c. 1950
Ink on onionskin
11 x 8½
Lent by Archives of American
Art, Smithsonian Institute

JIM ROCHE 1975 Sketchbook Pencil, felt tip pen 14 x 11

DOROTHEA ROCKBURNE 1972 Sketchbook Collage, carbon paper, pen, pencil 43/4 x 31/4

LUCAS SAMARAS
Studies for Chicken Wire
Boxes 1972-1973
Printer's Dummy
Pen
121/2 x 91/2

THOMAS LANIGAN SCHMIDT 1969-1975 Ruled composition book Collage, crayon, felt tip pen, pencil 93/4 x 71/2

GEORGE SEGAL 1975 Sketchbook Ink, wash 5 x 3

RICHARD SERRA
Three Weeks Travel in Peru,
January, 1974
Sketchbook
Pencil
11 x 8½

ALAN SHIELDS Begun July 10, 1968 Quad composition book Colored pencils 93/4 x 71/2 DAVID SMITH
c. 1945
Sketchbook
Pen, pencil
6 x 9
Lent by Archives of American
Art, Smithsonian Institute

ROBERT SMITHSON— NANCY HOLT 1966-1968 Looseleaf notebook Black and White Snapshots 8½ x 10

ALAN SONDHEIM
Development of Notation:
Beginnings of General
Theory United States and
Europe 1973
Sketchbook
Magic marker pen
14 x 11
Lent by Kasper Koenig

SAUL STEINBERG 1970 Printer's Dummy Ball-point pen, crayon, colored crayon, pen, pencil 8½ x 9½

PAT STEIR 1970-1972 Sketchbook Crayon, pen, pencil, photographs 14 x 101/2 MICHELLE STUART
Return to the Silent Garden,
1970-1976
Loose leaf minute book
Colored pencil, collage, earth,
hand made paper,
photographs, pen, pencil,
rocks
11½ x 9

GEORGE TRAKAS
Notebook Number Four, 1970
Spiral bound notebook
Soft lead black pencil
10 x 8

RICHARD TUTTLE Germany, Italy, Turkey, 1970-1971 Notebook Ball-point pen 8½ x 5½

RICHARD TUTTLE
1973
Sketchbook with loose pages
Collage, felt tip pen, pencil,
watercolor
8½ x 6

PAUL WALDMAN 1976 Sketchbook Crayon, ink, pencil 15 x 12

TOM WESSELMAN
Journal begun April, 1970 upon
purchase of land in the
foothills of the Catskill
Mountains to present
Account Book
Leaves, photographs, pen
141/4 x 9

TOM WESSELMAN c. 1964-1965 Spiral bound sketchpad Pencil, watercolor 6 x 8 THE UNIVERSITY OF THE APPTS

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